

Office of Primary Care and Rural Health

Assistance to Persons with Bleeding Disorders

Function

The Office of Primary Care and Rural Health continues to be a resource for Utah's rural, multi-cultural, and underserved communities. The Office works with communities that need assistance in conducting needs assessments, recruiting health care professionals, grant writing, identifying sources of funding, and implementing other projects related to decreasing disparity and increasing access to primary health care.

Program Description

The Assistance to Persons with Bleeding Disorders Program makes grants available to assist persons with bleeding disorders with the cost of obtaining hemophilia services. The program assists persons 1) who are medically diagnosed with hemophilia or a bleeding disorder, 2) who are not eligible for Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program; and 3) who have either a) insurance coverage that exclude coverage for hemophilia services, b) exceeded their insurance plan's annual maximum benefits, c) exceeded their annual or lifetime

maximum benefits payable under the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act (UCA 31A-29); or d) whose insurance coverage is available under either private health insurance, Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool Act, Utah mini-COBRA coverage, or federal COBRA coverage, but the premiums for that coverage are at or greater than 7.5 percent of a person's annual adjusted gross income.

Key Facts

The Assistance to Persons with Bleeding Disorders program has cumulatively assisted a total of 132 individuals, 55 in rural and 77 in urban counties. During FY 2009 it is estimated that 50 individuals with bleeding disorders will be assisted with the cost of obtaining hemophilia services or the cost of insurance premiums for the coverage of hemophilia services.

Appropriation

Since the 2005 Legislature, \$250,000 General Fund has been appropriated each year as part of the Health Care Assistance Act (UCA 26-47-101) to create the Assistance to Persons with Bleeding Disorders program. During the 2007 Legislative session, H.B. 150, Item 85, changed the program to allow up to \$50,000 as nonlapsing funding.

Funding Detail

Funding for the Assistance to Persons with Bleeding Disorders Program is from the State General Fund.

The table below details the number of individuals served since the program's inception:

ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WITH BLEEDING DISORDERS PROGRAM HISTORY							
	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007		FY 2008	FY 2009	Cumulative
Rural							
Individuals Served	7	15	15		18	20	75
Urban							
Individuals Served	7	20	21		29	30	107
Total							
Individuals Served	14	35	36		47	50	182
Goal	50	50	50		50	50	250
Appropriation	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000		\$250,000	\$250,000	\$1,250,000

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